

REDS IN PETROGRAD THREATENED

MORE FOOD FOR
NATION; PROFIT
FOR PRODUCERS

**Farmers' Union of State Meets
Today to Consider Economic
Problems of Farmer**

**2500 MEMBERS SENDING
DELEGATES TO BISMARCK**

**Annual Conference Opened at
Commercial Club this Morning
—Hagan Makes Talk**

"Patriotism and cooperation" were the keynote which Secretary George N. Keniston of the Bismarck Commercial club gave the convention in welcoming the delegates of the North Dakota Farmers' union on behalf of the city of Bismarck this morning. Cooperation with every interest that touches the farmer was urged. The speaker said when it came to "big business" the farmer had no cause for fear, for he represented the biggest single "big business" in the world. He advocated the right of the farmer and the necessity of the farmer organizing not only for protection but for promotion.

More food for the nation and a more equitable proportion of the profits of production for the producer are economic problems which delegates representing 2,500 active North Dakota farmers took under consideration at the Commercial club rooms at 9 o'clock this morning, when the North Dakota Farmers' Educational & Co-operative union began its fourth annual convention in this city.

In spite of cold weather and delayed trains, scores of delegates had arrived in the city and were ready and eager for the opening session. The crisis which faces the nation, and in which the farmer must play so prominent a part; recent legislation directly affecting the farmer; the regulation of the prices which he may receive for his product; the supreme necessity for a bumper crop utilizing every acre of arable land in 1918; the financial stringency resulting from the two poor seasons which have been suffered in some sections of the state—all of these are factors which tend to make this great annual convocation of real farmers epochal.

Convention Organizes.
The convention met and organized at 9 o'clock and then listened to an interesting address from Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor John N. Hagan on the general subject of cooperation.

The appointment of committees for the period of the convention and for the ensuing year followed. This afternoon reports will be received from standing committees named "on the good of the order."

Government Expert.
Thursday the delegates will have the pleasure of listening to a government expert sent all the way from Washington for this convention by the United States speakers' bureau. Secretary Shipley has been in communication with the speakers' bureau for the last ten days, and has been assured that a speaker will be here for tomorrow, although the name of the man who is coming has not been announced.

Reports of committees and the election of officers will consume the remainder of tomorrow's sessions. No entertainment programs have been planned. Because of the unseasonable cold all of the delegates are anxious to close up their business as promptly as possible and get back to their stock and other farm interests. Everyone here is enthusiastic over the future of the Farmers' union and heartily in accord with the executive committee's plans for a thorough campaign which is expected to at least double the membership during the ensuing year.

Whole State Represented.
President R. J. Montgomery, of Tappen, who has been in the city for several days co-operating with Secretary D. H. Shipley in planning the annual sessions, predicts that unless the weather man proves particularly ungracious from 500 to 700 delegates will be in attendance. The whole state will be represented, and from the Slope region will come not only scores of duly elected delegates but dozens of visitors who always make it a point to attend these conventions for the liberal education which they provide.

Bismarck the Center.
George Sorber, of Gladstone, is vice president and D. E. Shipley, of Bismarck is secretary of the state organization. Bismarck is in a general way state headquarters, a majority of the business of the union being transacted from this city. The union has a large central warehouse and co-operative implement distributing plant here, and it is planning to make Bismarck its center for co-operative purchasing for the entire state.

Old Timers Active.
Many of the Slope's oldest and most progressive farmers—such men as William E. Brown, of Bismarck, who is a member of the state executive committee; Commissioner Dirlea O. Ward, of Albin, and others, of Williston—are active in the councils of the Farmers' union. The convention which begins this forenoon will be a reunion of men who have done more than probably any other of their class to make

Capital Again
Tastes Arctic
Temperatures

After one day's decency, in which he visited Bismarck with the comparatively reasonable low of 11 degrees under zero, old Jack Frost relapsed into his bad ways last night, and sent the mercury scooting down to 24 below, within two degrees of the record cold weather established earlier in the week.

Bismarck was not alone in suffering. At Edmonston it was 40 below last night; at Prince Albert 36 below, and at Swift Current 32 below. Moorhead was four degrees warmer than Bismarck, and Williston was two degrees colder. Winnipeg shivered in 28 below zero temperatures.

Weather Observer Roberts promises more cold weather for tonight, but predicts a trifle warmer weather for Thursday. A "high pressure" area is now central over North Dakota and Montana, bringing with it temperatures ranging from 12 below at Miles City to 40 below in Alberta. South Dakota is comparatively fortunate, with six below at Pierre and Huron. Its average low temperatures for the last 24 hours.

Around noon today it was 19 below, and the government observatory recorded a few degrees warmer by mid-afternoon, when the mercury again began to sink, with prospects for another cold night.

The cold has come on so unexpectedly that it has found many householders unprepared, and Capital City plumbers are working day and night in an effort to meet the demands made on them for the repair of frost damages.

The capitol today found itself facing a fuel famine. There is no lack of coal in Bismarck, but there is great difficulty in finding teamsters to haul it to the state house. Everyone wants coal at once, and the capitol has been forced to wait its turn with other consumers.

INDIAN SCHOOL
BLOWS UP; TOO
MUCH PRESSURE

**Large Boiler in Heating System
Explodes, Partially Wrecking
Fine Building**

One of the large buildings of the Bismarck Indian school was badly damaged between 6 and 7 this morning when a big boiler in the furnace room blew up. Some of the basement walls were blown out; the first floor was lifted from its moorings, and doors and windows throughout the building were blown out.

Chief Martindale and Deputy Sheriff Welch were called upon to investigate, the caretaker first believing that an infernal machine was responsible for the damage. A careful investigation convinced the officers that the explosion was due to natural causes. The damage will run very high.

Caretaker Confused.
The caretaker at the Indian school is inclined to question whether the explosion was due simply to the bursting of the big tank. It is true that the top of the water tank is blown off, he says, but he doubts whether the force of this explosion would have been sufficient to wreck the entire building in the manner done.

"It smoked when it went off," said the caretaker, over the telephone to The Tribune.

The Indian school was closed a few weeks ago by order of the department of the interior, as a measure of economy, and a caretaker was left in charge. This morning's explosion occurred in the basement of the main building, to which the caretaker estimates damage of \$1,500.

Chief of Police Martindale stands pat on his claim that it was clearly a boiler explosion, and that no infernal machine or bomb can be charged with the damage. The caretaker was in another building at the time of the blow-up.

TRADING STAMP
TEST SUIT NOW
BEING ARGUED

**Case Brought to Supreme Court
on Writ of Habeas Corpus to
Try New Law**

Arguments in the suit brought by Theodore Olson, agent for a trading stamp concern, to test the legality of North Dakota's new trading stamp law, enacted at the last session of legislature, under which a heavy license fee is exacted from companies wishing to deal in trading stamps in this state, are in progress in supreme court this afternoon. The case comes to supreme court on a writ of habeas corpus from the Cass county district court. Andrew Ross, sheriff of Cass, being the respondent.

500 BLIND IN
HALIFAX FROM
MUNITION BLAST

**As Relatives are Reunited the
Death List is Cut Down—Esti-
mated Dead 1,800**

**200 CHILDREN HAVE
LOST THEIR PARENTS**

**Relief System is Being Organized
Rapidly and Shelters Are
Provided**

Halifax, Dec. 12.—A revised estimate today of the explosion casualties reduced the death list to approximately 1,800. The known dead total 800 and it is believed that not more than 1,000 bodies and perhaps only 900 still lie under the debris of shattered and burned buildings.

The list of victims is steadily becoming smaller as relatives are reunited and refugees who left the city return.

From 300 to 500 persons are totally or partly blind, and 200 children have each lost both parents, according to the American and Canadian workers investigating the situation.

The Boston relief ship Austin entered the harbor today.

Duplication in Counts.
The formidable estimate of casualties made during the hours immediately after the explosion apparently was due, it developed today, to the fact that some of the bodies were counted several times. Relief workers explained that today's revised figures are not final as many entire families were destroyed so members being alive to report such losses.

It is estimated that 500 houses were wrecked beyond repair, that 300 others were totally destroyed and that another 1,000 can be restored to use.

Some of the inhabitants who were injured by explosion, fire, or tidal wave have not received medical attention up to this morning and the relief system is being reorganized so they may receive necessary aid at once. In one shelter in Dartmouth, investigators found 300 men, women and children.

COUTURE GUILTY
ON ONE FREED ON
ANOTHER COUNT

**Standing Rock Reservation De-
fendant Must Serve Time as
Horse Thief**

A federal court grand jury Tuesday found Joseph Couture of Standing Rock reservation not guilty of stealing horses from Mrs. Hootling Owl, but after a deliberation of several hours it convicted the young defendant of stealing ponies from Takes-the-Shield. Couture was tried on both indictments at once, and was found guilty on the second only. The defendant had been tried on similar charges in four other cases. In this last trial 34 witnesses were introduced by the state, and the evidence was taken through an interpreter. Couture has not yet been sentenced.

The McDowell perjury case, growing out of a former Couture trial, will go to the jury this afternoon. Judge Wade will make an effort to complete the criminal calendar tomorrow, and if this is possible, Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare, convicted under the espionage act, will receive her sentence tomorrow.

COFFEY TO COME
THURSDAY TO TRY
TOM HALL'S CASE

**Trial of Secretary of State on Em-
bezzlement Charge Again
Postponed a Day**

The Hall case this morning was again set over in district court until Thursday morning, when it was announced Judge Coffey of Jamestown will be here to preside. Whether the state will again move for a change of venue is not definitely known, but apparently the disposition of the prosecution is to proceed with the trial without further delay. At the first, the necessity of subpoenaing so many state officials and employees as witnesses for one side or the other is going to handicap work at the capitol, and should it become necessary to transport all of these witnesses to some other district, the expense to the state and the interference with the state's business would become enormous.

No Furlough
For Men At
Camp Dodge

Washington, Dec. 12.—Men of the national army will not be given Christmas furloughs unless they live within trolley distance of their camps, the war department has decided.

Secretary Baker, in an announcement today, said that the harmful effect the general leave would have on camp discipline, and the heavy burden it would throw on the railroads as the reasons for the department's action.

Camp Dodge, Iowa, Dec. 12.—An announcement by the war department that national army men would not be given Christmas furloughs unless they live within trolley distance of the camps, seriously affected the conditions in this camp. It had been arranged to give half the men here, during the Christmas and the other for New Years.

Very few men have homes within the trolley distance.

SLIGHT DAMAGE
IN MUNITION
PLANT BLAZE

**Fire Brakes Out in Shell Load-
ing Department of Beth-
lehem's Steel Company**

**FLAMES CAUSE EXPLOSION
NO SERIOUS CASUALTIES**

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 12.—Fire broke out this morning in a shell loading department of the Bethlehem Steel company's munitions plant, a short distance below Newcastle, Del. At 9:15 a. m. the fire was reported to be coming from every building.

The flames caused the explosion of loaded shells and they were scattered everywhere, the report says.

One report said Chief Jacobs of the plant guard was struck by a shell, and his head blown off.

The explosion and fire at the Newcastle plant of the Bethlehem Steel corporation caused only slight damage, it was stated at the New York offices of the corporation today. Officials said that damages indicated no one was hurt and the property loss was confined to one section of a shell loading shop.

FUNERAL SERVICES.
Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 12.—Funeral services over the remains of the late Mrs. B. A. Allen, prominent Jamestown woman and former teacher at the Fargo public schools, were conducted here today. Interment was made in Highland Home cemetery.

96 BOWMAN COUNTY
FARMERS WILL SUE
ON DROUTH CHARGE

**Unable to Obtain Agreement with
Company, Policy-Holders Ap-
peal to Courts**

Bowman farmers who attempted to compromise with the Bankers' Insurance Co. of Helena, Mont., on their drouth claims, failed to procure an agreement which they regarded satisfactory, and Insurance Commissioner A. S. Olness has been advised that 96 claimants have joined issue against the company and will bring suit in the Bowman county courts. Alex Aslakson, deputy insurance commissioner, has returned from Helena, where he joined in a joint examination of the Bankers. He has no report to make public at this time. Mr. Olness regards the farmers' experience with drouth insurance this year an excellent advertisement for the state crop insurance plan to be voted on as a constitutional amendment next fall.

ALCOHOLIC CONTENT
OF BEER LOWERED TO
DIMINISHING POINT

Washington, Dec. 11.—At the request of Food Administrator Hoover, President Wilson will issue within the next few days a proclamation reducing the alcoholic content of beer to two and three quarters per cent. The use of grain for brewing will be cut by the order about thirty per cent. The proclamation has been held up pending a decision as to whether the percentage should be based upon volume or upon weight. It finally was decided to set a weight standard to protect brewers of ales and stouts in whose heavier product the alcoholic content runs higher by volume.

With the alcoholic content measured by weight, it is said, there actually will be about 3 per cent of alcohol in beer figured by volume.

BERLIN SAYS
RUSS ARMIES
DEMOBILIZING

**Armistice Affecting Russian Front
Only Has Been Signed with
the Bolsheviks**

**REDS AND COSSACKS
CLASH AT MOHILEV**

**Revolutionists Reports Times Cor-
respondent was Routed in
First Encounter**

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—The semi-official German news agency says that demobilization of the Russian forces already has begun and that peace negotiations, restricted to the Russian front, have been authorized.

To Resume Negotiations.
Representatives of all the Russian fronts started tonight for Brest-Litovsk to resume the armistice negotiations with the Germans.

Lieutenant Colonel Fokke, the general staff member of the armistice committee, informed the Associated Press that the delegation would consist of 13 members, including "General Skolok, one representative from each of the northern, western, southern, western Rumanian-Russian and Rumanian armies, M. Altafer, the naval representative, and five political delegates.

Lieutenant Colonel Fokke believes that the Germans will make considerable concessions and will even consent to leave Moon Sound. The Germans have eliminated the demand that Russian troops leave Macedonia and France, because the Russian delegates said these armies were not under their control.

At a preliminary meeting on Saturday, organized by the representative of the army and navy, to discuss the armistice, the general trend of their remarks was that the Russians would fight to a finish if the Germans refused to conclude a peace on honorable terms.

ARMISTICE SIGNED.
Jassy, Rumania, Monday, Dec. 10.—Official announcement was made today of the signing of an armistice in accordance with which hostilities were suspended at 10:30 p. m. yesterday until further notice.

CLASH WITH REDS.
London, Dec. 12.—Reports of fighting at Mohilev, Russian general quarters, between troops newly arrived there and the Bolshevik garrison were received in Petrograd Monday, according to the correspondent of the Times in the Russian capital. It is also reported that shock battalions and cossacks advancing on Mohilev clashed with the Bolsheviks, who were defeated.

PREPARES FOR RUSH
**State Insurance Commissioner
Lists Officers Needing Bonds**

Lists of every county and township officer requiring a bond are being received by Insurance Commissioner A. S. Olness from the various county auditors. But four bonds have been issued to date, but data is being accumulated in the office of the commission which will prepare the department to handle the immense amount of business which will come with the expiration of the surety bonds for which a majority of the counties have contracted on a two-year basis.

RIVAL TELEPHONE
CONCERN IGNORES
BOARD; IS CALLED

**New Home Company at Sykeston
Informed it Must Quit Opera-
tions or be Prosecuted**

D. E. O'Brien, proprietor of the Home Telephone Exchange at Sykeston, complained to the rail board that the New Home Telephone Co. is planning to build local and toll lines paralleling his. He advises there is not enough business at Sykeston for two companies, and notes that he has received authority from the railway commission to operate, while the New Home Telephone Co., he claims, has ignored the commission entirely. Secretary (Aldorhead has written the new concern suggesting that it kindly accept the earth and advising that if it attempts to construct wire lines and operate without first filing a petition with and obtaining permission from the rail board it will be prosecuted for the violation of a state law which is very explicit on this subject.

ORGANIZE COMPANY.
Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 12.—Fifty students at the Jamestown high school have organized a military company and will drill five evenings each week in the armory here. Coach Hansen of the football team will be in charge of the company, which will be permanent in the Jamestown high school.

Union Strike
In Mill City
Affects Many

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 12.—Railroad shovemen on transcontinental line throughout the northwest as well as members of local unions voted today on the proposal to accede to the call for a general walkout of union men tomorrow in support of the strike contemplated by the traction employees. It was said shops from St. Paul to the coast might be closed in the event of a decision favorable to their plans. Contracts and wage agreements with the railroads, they declared, would be disregarded on the ground that the constitutional rights of labor unions are involved in the traction controversy. The result of the vote will not be announced until midnight.

Saloons in St. Paul and Minneapolis will be closed tomorrow in the event of a general walkout, Governor Burnquist indicated today.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 12.—Several local unions that have not yet voted on the question of striking tomorrow, in sympathy with Twin City street car men, who are demanding permission to wear their union buttons, held a meeting today to take action on the matter.

In the meantime, big industries were making plans to meet the tieup threatened by the order for sympathetic strikes of allied unions in the Twin Cities. Labor leaders have declared that every effort will be made to maintain order. Nevertheless, the authorities have been taking unusual precautionary measures and in addition the several hundred deputy sheriffs who have been sworn in a number of home guard companies will be placed on duty at various points in the city immediately after the strike order becomes effective.

Only federal intervention or revocation of the safety commission's order, labor leaders intimated, would be deemed sufficient cause for rescinding the strike order, which, they declare, will affect 40,000 men in the two cities.

CRISIS REACHED
IN RAIL ISSUE;
NEXT STEP SOON

**Federal Control Over Railroad
Securities Endorsed by Wisconsin Commissioner**

**PRESIDENT MAY GO
BEFORE CONGRESS**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The fullest measures of cooperation in any decision President Wilson may make to solve the railroad problem, even though he should choose government operation, was pledged to the president today by the railroad war board, composed of a representative committee of railroad executives. They told the president they did not ask a billion dollar loan or the suspension of anti-trust laws. They said they would be able to handle the traffic situation if the government would name a traffic coordinator to direct all government shipments and approve railroad credit for raising new capital.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The next step in the solution of the transportation problem was looked for today in the outcome of two conferences, one between President Wilson and members of the railroad war board, and the other between Chairman Willard of the war industries board, and head of the four railroad employees' brotherhoods.

The president, in his first house utterance on the situation authorized the statement yesterday that he could not say now whether he would address congress but if he determined a change necessary in dealing with the transportation system, his first word would be directed to congress.

At today's hearing, federal control over railroad securities was endorsed by Carl D. Jackson, of the Wisconsin state railroad commission. This, he said, should be done either through a licensing system or some other means which would prevent further issuance of securities by railroads, without the consent of the Interstate Commerce commission.

APPROPRIATIONS
TO CARRY WAR TO
MARCH BUDGETED

London, Dec. 12.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, introducing a vote of credit in the house of commons today, said he estimated that the present vote would carry the expenditures to the end of March, 1918. He declared that the average daily expenditure in the last 63 days was 6,784,000 pounds, and for the period since the end of the last financial year, 6,636,000 pounds.

400,000 UNDER
ARMS TO RESIST
THE BOLSHEVIKI

**Allied Support is Being Depended
upon by the Counter Revolu-
tionists**

**REDS TRYING TO
HOLD CONVENTIONS**

**There Has Been no Break in the
Infantry Activity on the
Western Front**

FIRE FIRST SHOT.
Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Tuesday, Dec. 11.—The first American shot against Austria fired by Representative Tinkham of Boston, on the lower Plave, when Mr. Tinkham pulled a string, firing a large, 160 millimeter gun, sending a shell across the Plave to the Austrian positions.

(By Associated Press.)

The Bolsheviks in Petrograd are being menaced more seriously as the opposition becomes solidified. There is unrest in Petrograd and Moscow, the extremists' strongholds, and the cossacks already have advanced from the Don northward. Russian officials in London assert that the anti-Bolshevik forces are composed not only of the cossacks, but also of the leaders of the other political parties in Russia. The political leaders opposed to the extremists expect that their military forces will be able to dispose of the Bolsheviks soon and that by spring they will have a formidable fighting force to meet the Germans. The whole force of 400,000 cossacks, it is said in London, where direct communication has been extended with General Kaledines will back the revolution.

Allied support is counted upon by the leaders of the counter revolution, and it is hoped that an American army may be sent to Russia to aid the allies in establishing order and to fight against the enemy.

Threats against the Smolny institution, Bolshevik headquarters in Petrograd, were made by opponents of the Bolsheviks, who demand that the leaders be shorn of their power. In Moscow the Bolsheviks are having trouble in feeding the population, and their own soldiers threaten revolt. The Bolsheviks are attempting to convene the constituent assembly, and threaten to arrest any of their opponents who try to gain control of the assembly.

There has been no break in the infantry inactivity on the western and Italian fronts. The artillery on both sides has been active along the greater part of the two fronts, and on the western front the allied and German armies have engaged in lively combats. German reinforcements continue to be sent westward, but there is no sign of when and where the expected blow will fall.

The Austrian battleship Wien has been torpedoed and sunk. According to Vienna most of her crew was saved. The vessel measured 5,512 tons and her pre-war complement was 441 men.

Leon Trotsky the Bolshevik foreign minister has issued a decree dismissing all Russian ambassadors and their staffs because they ignored the Bolshevik demand that they denounce the Kerensky government.

ANNOUNCES CAPTURE.
London, Dec. 12.—Premier Lloyd George today announced in the house of commons that General Allenby, the British commander in Palestine, entered Jerusalem on foot Tuesday.

DEMANDS INQUIRY.
London, Dec. 12.—The Times this morning prints conspicuously an editorial demanding prompt and searching inquiry into the battle on the southern end of the Cambrai salient on November 5, and on the following day, owing, it says, to disquieting first amplifications of censured accounts. These are said to include charges of Lundering and assertions that the British were caught unready.

Congressman Pinkham by firing an Italian gun at the Austrian positions, has taken on the status of a non-combatant attacking troops, and according to the rules of war, laid himself liable to execution by the Austrians should he, by chance, fall into their hands. Under the laws of war, a civilian may never engage in hostilities.

BACK FROM RICHMOND
**J. E. Kaulfuss Represented State
Board at National Meet**

J. E. Kaulfuss of the state highway commission's engineering and publicity staff, returned today from Richmond, Va., where he represented the North Dakota board at the annual convention of the national association of highway commissioners.

**AMERICAN MILITARY
ATTACHES ENTER HOLY
CITY WITH BRITONS**

London, Dec. 12.—American and other military attaches entered Jerusalem with General Allenby, the general reported today.

NATIONAL SUFFRAGE AND DRY ISSUES UP IN CONGRESS

House Yet to Act on Prohibition and Both Houses to Consider Women's Cause.

IN CASE OF ACTION STATES AVE 7 YEARS

Both Houses Curious as to Departmental Plans for the War.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Congressional amendments for national woman suffrage and prohibition were placed before the house for action today by the judiciary committee, which reported both resolutions. The prohibition resolution already has passed the senate and requires only passage in the house to become law. The suffrage resolution, however, will pass the test in both houses.

The judiciary committee amended both resolutions so that unless the states ratify them within seven years after their adoption in congress, they shall die.

The prohibition amendment will become effective one year after the date of its ratification.

GETTING INTO TOUCH.

Both Houses Seek Information on War Activities.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Steps were initiated in congress today to obtain fuller information about and establish closer connection with the government war activities, past and future.

A general inquiry into the work of the war department, especially in arming and equipping the nation's main power, was ordered by the senate military committee. Capitol leaders said it was the forerunner of similar investigations by both senate and house committees which would in a measure accomplish the purpose of the proposed joint committee "for the conduct of the war."

The joint committee idea was abandoned at the last session because of President Wilson's opposition.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Inquiries by standing congressional committees into the navy department's activities and the work of the shipping board and other wartime agencies of the government were said to be contemplated with a view to securing the greatest possible efficiency in prosecution of the war.

The inquiry will begin tomorrow, when General Crozier, chief of ordnance, will appear before the senate committee at Secretary Baker's direction, to testify regarding ordnance manufacture and supply. Secretary Baker and general staff officers, as well as departmental and field commanders, will follow. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, said much of the testimony would be given in executive session, though some of the sessions would be public.

LACK OF CLOTHING AND ORDNANCE.

The decision to inquire into the war department's operations came after two hours' discussion of reports from senators who have visited army camps. Senators told of conditions observed and reported to them, especially regarding lack of clothing and ordnance and unsatisfactory sanitary conditions.

It is understood the committee heard of large quantities of men in camp lacking overcoats and winter clothing, of ordnance shortages, resulting in the use of broomsticks for rifles and wooden substitutes for cannon. The alleged clothing shortage and its possible relation to the large number of pneumonia cases in the camps were discussed.

Reports that soldiers have been crowded into trains and not properly rationed, and contracts for building cantonments and furnishing supplies are other matters to be investigated.

INQUIRY CONSTRUCTIVE.

That the purpose of the army inquiry is constructive and not critical was emphasized by Senator Chamberlain and others. He said it is proposed to inquire if any mistakes

FORTY THOUSAND UNION MEN IN ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS JOIN STRIKE IN DEFENSE OF BUTTON

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 12.—A general strike of all organized labor in St. Paul and Minneapolis has been called for 10 o'clock Thursday morning to support the union street car men who were dismissed from the Twin City Rapid Transit company for their refusal to take off their union buttons while on duty after being ordered to do so by the public safety commission.

The call for the general walk-out was issued by the executive committee representing Twin City labor unions after a six hour conference with the business agents of all unions. This action is expected to be ratified by the various unions, representing 40,000 workers.

Decision to call a general strike was reached when the federal government refused to intervene in the street car controversy following Governor Burnquist's refusal to permit ex-governor John Lind, now in Washington to represent state officials in conferences.

Fifteen hundred home guards are being held in St. Paul for any emergency in connection with the threatened strike, and Adjutant General Rhinow announced tonight that martial law would be declared in the Twin Cities in case the situation develops to a point where county officials are unable to cope with it.

INTERVENTION AT STANDSTILL

Federal Aid in Street Railway Controversy Slow in Coming.

Minneapolis, Dec. 12.—Big local industries tonight began making preparations to meet the walkout of union men Thursday in sympathy with several hundred Twin City street car employees who are idle because of refusal to abide by a ruling of the state public safety commission that they discontinue wearing their union buttons.

While speculation varied considerably as to the extent of the strike, in event the order decided upon by labor leaders in St. Paul is carried out, it was admitted on all sides that a serious industrial tie-up undoubtedly would result.

Local labor leaders declared that a majority of the allied unions in both Minneapolis and St. Paul already have voted to strike in support of the union carmen and that unions which

have been made, extravagance or errors committed, and to assist in preventing their repetition, as well as securing the greatest possible future efficiency.

"We propose to have 'punch' put in to the war preparations if they need it," said another member of the committee, "to have new and young or blood and methods supplant old, if necessary, and to insure the greatest future efficiency."

REED UTTERS WARNING.

Webb Bill Destructive of Anti-Trust Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Warning that the United States must prepare to assume further burdens to win the war was given today in the senate by Senator Reed in vigorously opposing as a trust scheme the Webb export combination bill, which President Wilson in his recent address urged congress to enact.

Declaring that congress should concentrate upon great war problems, defer consideration of such legislation as the export trade measure, the Missouri senator said that with Russia out of the war and Rumania also "gone" the enemy, numerically, is now superior in man power.

Although an opponent of army conscription, Senator Reed predicted that new draft levies probably would be necessary and urged military training for youths between 18 and 21 for coast defense work. Invasion of America, he asserted, was not beyond the realms of possibilities should other allied powers fall beside Russia, Rumania and Serbia.

The Webb bill was denounced by Senator Reed as destructive of the Sherman anti-trust law at behest of trusts and monopolies, and proposed legalizing of illegal combinations which would encroach on consumers abroad, and increase domestic prices.

LA FOLLETTE CASE.

Committee Undecided on Question of Procedure.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Another hitch developed today to further postpone the senate elections committee's inquiry into Senator La Follette's St. Paul speech. The committee today discussed whether further investigation would be made by its sub-committee or the full committee, which will meet next week to decide the question of procedure and deferred for the present the proposed examination of former Secretary Bryan.

WOMEN LETTER CARRIERS INSTITUTE SERVICE WITH ZERO WEATHER HOVERING

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—With the thermometer at one degree above zero, Chicago's first female letter carriers began their first day's service today. At 6:30 this morning, before it had become daylight, seven of the nine women who have been named as an experiment to test the feasibility of postal women, appeared at the various branches of the post-office.

They bore their sacks of mail through the day without complaining and seemed untroubled by the warning of theme n that Thursday's and Friday's magazine days, would see their burden twice as heavy.

have not yet voted on the question will do so at meetings tomorrow. They assert that 40,000 workers in the two cities will respond to the strike call.

Hope of federal intervention or possible revocation of the safety commission's order has been abandoned.

Several hundred deputy sheriffs who were called into service after the recent outbreak of rioting in St. Paul were assigned to various districts here tonight and will be reinforced by companies of home guards tomorrow.

Street car service continued in all parts of the city and between Minneapolis and St. Paul.

PLANS ARE LAID.

Federal Government Refuses to Mix in Controversy.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Efforts of Minnesota labor leaders here to effect federal intervention in the proposed strike of 28,000 men at Minneapolis and St. Paul Thursday morning, so far have proved unsuccessful. Neither the war nor labor departments had decided tonight to take action, and the conference between the labor men and Samuel Gompers, as chairman of the labor committee of the council of national defense, was without tangible results. The conference, however, will be continued tomorrow.

It was said here today that the proposed walkout, in sympathy with striking street railway employees, would seriously affect railroad shops working on equipment for western roads and those who have interested themselves in its prevention have appealed to government officials on the ground of threatening crippling of transportation. Those in close touch with the situation, however, were of the opinion that no government action would be taken until the strike is effective and there has been time to judge its seriousness.

John Lind, former governor of Minnesota and a member of the state's Public Safety commission, who is in Washington on private business, was called into conference today with Secretary Baker and Assistant Secretary of Labor Post, of the labor department, to discuss the situation, but it was said later that action by neither department was contemplated at this time.

A telegraphic request from Mr. Gompers to Governor Burnquist of Minnesota that Mr. Lind be given authority to negotiate with federal officials on the situation was refused today by the governor.

ALEXANDER AND KILLIFER ANNEXED BY THE CUBS FOR FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

Size of the Check Paid for New Battery Takes Wegman's Breath Away.

STAR TWIRLER WINS 30 GAMES PER SEASON

New York, Dec. 12.—The biggest baseball deal in some seasons was completed here today when the Philadelphia National league club sold Pitcher Grover Alexander and Catcher Wm Killifer to the Chicago National league club for a cash consideration and a Cub battery. The money involved is said to be considerably in excess of \$50,000, and the two Chicago players who will wear Philadelphia uniforms next season are Pitcher Frendergast and Catcher Dillhoefer.

There is a wartime clause to the deal which presents a remote possibility that the contract might fall through, as the agreement contains a rider to the effect that in case either Alexander or Killifer is drafted any time previous to thirty days before the opening of the 1918 national league season, the deal shall be automatically cancelled.

President Wegman, of the Chicago club, demanded that this clause be incorporated in the deal in order to protect his club against the possibility of the loss of one or both of the Cub's new stars in case they should be drafted for army or navy service. Neither Wegman nor President Baker, of the Philadelphia club, would state the amount of money involved in the transaction, but Wegman remarked that the size of the check "took his breath away," when he signed it.

From other sources it was reported that the sum was in excess of the \$50,000 that changed hands when Eddie Collins was sold to the Chicago Americans by the Philadelphia Athletics and a similar amount paid by the Cleveland Americans for the services of Tris Speaker.

Alexander and Killifer have been the star battery of the Philadelphia club for several seasons and Alexander's work in the box has been little short of phenomenal. He has been the mainstay of the Phillies' twirling squad in recent years, averaging close to thirty winning games a season and control, and in addition is one of the brainiest pitchers in the game. It was due in part to his box work that the Philadelphia club has been a pennant contender until the closing days of the past few seasons. Killifer ranks almost as high as a catcher as Alexander does as a pitcher. Baseball authorities expressed the opinion here

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Artillery Barrage Fails To Daunt Yankee Huskies

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Dec. 9.—Regiments of a newly arrived division had their first experience today with an artillery barrage when they followed one in sweeping over the German trench which had been named the Von Kluck line. So well has the artillery been trained that the high explosive shells burst with clock like regularity ahead of the advancing troops, as if the artillerymen had been conducting barrage fire for years. There was not a hitch anywhere in the firing, which was directed by airplanes hovering overhead.

After "taking" the Von Kluck line, the troops at a given position on the hills nearby watched the barrage sweep on to a second theoretical objective named the Hindenburg line, and the main objective which was the Berlin point. This was for the purpose of showing the new arrivals the progress of the shell explosions.

The regiments in the maneuvers will work with the barrage a certain time until fully accustomed to advancing behind one. Then others will be given the same training.

The Bank with the Clock Ending the Debate

You may be debating in your mind the question as to what is the best means for you to employ in attaining success.

Unless you already possess a large sum of money there is only one answer, and that is save and be ready for opportunities that are sure to come.

What you save will be the factor which finally end the debate in your favor.

The First National Bank

BISMARCK, N.D.

PIONEER KILLED WHEN CAR BUMPS LUMBER WAGON

Brly Douglas, Prominent in Vi-
community of Beach, has Brains
Dashed Out.

Beach, N. D., Dec. 12—Brly Doug-
las, of near Carlyle, a pioneer settler
of Golden Valley, was immediately
killed when his skull was crushed in a
collision between a Ford car driven
by his son, Fred, and a wagon loaded
with lumber. The Douglasses were re-
turning from Baker Mont where the
elder had been on jury service when
the lights of the car refused to work.
They procured a lantern which they
strapped on in front and they were
running with this light when they
crashed into a lumber wagon at the
base of a steep hill. The deceased
was 58 years old and is survived by
his widow and five children, all of
whom reside near Carlyle. He was
one of the directors of the Beach Co-
operative Mercantile Co.

PLEADS GUILTY.

Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 12—Paul
Cysewski, young farm hand employed
on a farm near Courtenay during the
summer months, pleaded guilty to
grand larceny in district court and
was given an indeterminate sentence
of from one to three years in the
state penitentiary by Judge J. A.
Coffey. Cysewski is alleged to have
taken a load of grain owned by Cas-
par Wojcik and disposed of it at the
Courtenay Elevator Co.



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FOUR HUNDRED WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS ASSEMBLE FOR MARCH ON CAPITOL

Forty Ninth Annual Convention of
American Association at
Washington.

MEMBERS RECEIVE

Washington, Dec. 12—Four hun-
dred women gathered here for the
49th convention of the National Amer-
ican Woman Suffrage association will
march on the capitol tomorrow to pre-
sent arguments to their state con-
gressional delegations in favor of the
passage of the federal suffrage
amendment reported today by the
house judiciary committee without
recommendation.

Senators from each state will re-
ceive women from their states in their
offices. It was announced, and all the
members of the house have been in-
vited to attend their respective state
hearings.

The executive council, it was learned
today, probably will recommend to
the convention that if the suffrage
amendment is defeated at this session,
the association enter the congression-
al election next year in an effort to
elect enough members favorable to
suffrage to insure passage of the
amendment by the succeeding con-
gress.

The principal social event of the
convention was a reception tonight in
honor of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt,
the national president, and Dr. Anna
Howard Shaw, honorary president.

MILITANTS WANT \$400,000.

Commissioners of District and Jailor
Sued.

Washington, Dec. 11—Eight dam-
age suits for \$70,000 each were filed
today against the three commissioners
who govern the District of Columbia,
and the superintendent of the jail
here, by the women's party militants
recently imprisoned for picketing the
White House. The women charge as
sault and conspiracy.

MORE FOOD FOR NATION

(Continued From Page One)

North Dakota the solid, safe agricul-
tural state which it is today.

Bismarck is a pioneer in Farmers'
union work. The first local in the
state was organized here not quite
four years ago, and it was at a con-
vention in this city that a state or-
ganization was formed two years ago.
The union has an organization in 27
states, with a total membership of
more than five million farmers.

NEW LOAN SOCIETY

Farmers of Taylor Meet and Form
Federal Association.

Taylor, N. D., Dec. 12—The Tay-
lor Farm Loan bank association was
organized at a meeting of farmers
held Monday at the Taylor State
bank. A number of applications for
loans have been received.

AVIATRIX RECORDS SAN DIEGO-FRISCO NON-STOP JOURNEY

Miss Stinson of Texas Breaks
Record of Ruth Law Estab-
lished Nov. 29, 1916

OFFICIAL DISTANCE

51218 MILES—9 HOURS

San Francisco (Uhl), Dec. 12—Miss
Katherine Stinson, Texan aviatrix,
who started from San Diego at 7:31 a.
m. today in a non-stop flight to San
Francisco reached her destination
at 6 p. m. today. She was the first
person to pilot an airplane over the
Techachapi mountains on a non-stop
flight. The distance between San
Diego and San Francisco on an air
line is 461 miles.

The distance Miss Stinson traveled
was unofficially announced as 520
miles, which breaks the non-stop flight
record established November 19, 1916
by Miss Ruth Law, who flew from
Chicago to Hornell, N. Y., a distance
of 512 miles. Miss Law was com-
pelled to alight at Hornell by engine
trouble.

Miss Stinson had been in the air
nine hours and when she alighted, she
showed the tremendous strain under
which she had labored. Miss Stinson
landed at the Presidio a military res-
ervation by special army permission.

FOOD CROP VALUES SHOW BANNER YEAR; COTTON IS FROSTED

Production Not Up to Mark on Ac-
count of Late Spring and
Untimely Cold.

WHEAT CROP SHORT

9 MILLION BUSHELS

Washington, Dec. 12—Food crop
generally with the exception of wheat
established records in production this
year and their value far exceeds that
of other years. Cotton, however,
caught by an early frost, suffered a
sensational loss of approximately 9
million bales from early estimates.

Lateness of planting, because of dry
weather and the shortness of the sea-
son, due to early frosts, curtailed pro-
duction of many crops.

Final estimates announced today by
the department of agriculture show
the great corn crop to have been
damaged to the extent of about 22-
000,000 bushels by frosts; nevertheless
corn production establishes a record
this year with 2,194,940,000 bushels,
while its value, also a record, is \$1-
055,572,000.

The wheat crop shows a decrease of
about 9,000,000 bushels from previous
forecasts. This year's crop is estimat-
ed at 650,828,000 bushels and its value
at \$1,072,000.

Oats is a record crop with 1,587,
280,000 bushels and a value of \$1,061,
427,000.

The potato crop is the largest ever
grown, with a total of 442,730,000 bush-
els valued at \$747,807,000.

Other crops whose production estab-
lishes records are rye, sweet potatoes,
beans, onions, cabbage and tobacco.

SOUTH SIDE BOYS FOUND GUILTY OF BURGLING STORE

Ellsworth Finlayson and William
Skeggs Convicted by Jury—
Devlin Case Now On

Ellsworth Finlayson and William
Skeggs, charged with robbing the
Weinstein grocery, south of the
tracks, were convicted by a district
court jury after a short deliberation
this morning. The two young men,
apprehended by Chief Martinson,
were bound over to district court by
Police Magistrate Blackred. It was
alleged that they entered the base-
ment of the Weinstein establishment
and made away with a considerable
quantity of groceries and other stock.

The first named defendant sat at the
bar at the side of his father, Frank
Finlayson, who is himself defendant
at this term of court in a bootlegging
action.

Nat Devlin, another defendant who
is little more than a boy, now is on
trial on a charge of bootlegging.

WANTED—Young lady wishes pos-
ition as bookkeeper by Jan. 1, 1917.
Miss Marie Pew, Watrous, N. D.

Austrian Man of war Wien Lost

London, Dec. 12—The Austrian bat-
tleship Wien was torpedoed and sunk
Sunday night according to a Vienna
official statement received in Amster-
dam and forwarded by the Central
News. Most of the crew were saved.

The battleship Wien displaced
12,120 tons and was laid down in 1911.
She had a complement of 441 men.

Bismarck THEATRE

The Photo
MASTERPIECE

TONIGHT
TUESDAY, DEC. 12

The Judgement House

FROM THE FAMOUS NOVEL BY

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Do You Like Big Powerful Men?

Then you'll like Rudyard Kipling, Sir Gilbert Parker's man of power, money, brawn and brain, the central figure in a tensely
dramatic love theme that sways the fate of a great nation.

200 DAKOTANS TO GO TO FORT STEVENS, ORE.

Adjutant General Frazier Author-
ized to Send Drafted Men
to Coast Artillery.

Adjutant General Frazier on Tues-
day received authority from Provost
Marshal General (Lowder) to send 200
North Dakota drafted men to the
coast artillery corps of the national
army stationed at Fort Stevens, Ore.
The adjutant general had appealed to
the provost marshal general for per-
mission to take care of the large
number of men awaiting the second
draft who are out of employment but
who are forced to remain in the state
Tuesday's order was in response to
this request.

See 'The Judgement House' at the
Bismarck Theatre tonight.

Great Falls In Grasp of Northwester

Great Falls, Mont., Dec. 12—This
city was enveloped in a blizzard to-
night at seven and the snow blown by
a heavy wind fell in large quantity.
It was the worst storm the city has ex-
perienced in two years, but it lasted
only about two hours. The mercury is
about six degrees below zero tonight.

HEAVY SNOW AT HELENA.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 12—Thirteen
inches of snow had fallen here at mid-
night, when the thermometer regis-
tered 12 degrees below zero, a fall of
44 degrees in nine hours. The storm
was general over the western por-
tion of the state. Severe cold is pre-
dicted for tomorrow with continued
snow.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sverdrup lodge No. 107
Norway will hold its annual con-
vention at the Knights of the
Hall Friday evening.

THE AUDITORIUM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13,

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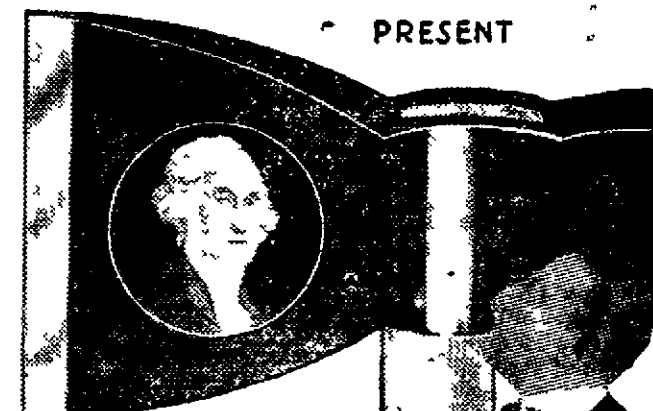
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WEATHER REPORT. for 24 hours ending at noon Dec. 12. Temperature at 7 a. m. -24. Temperature at noon -19. Highest yesterday -19. Lowest yesterday -24. Precipitation -Trace. Highest wind velocity -15-NW.

FORECAST. for North Dakota: Generally fair to night and Thursday; continued cold tonight; not quite so cold west portion Thursday.

Lowest Temperatures. Fargo -20. Williston -26. Pierre -6. St. Paul -2. Winnipeg -24. Chicago -18. Kansas City -12. San Francisco -40.

ORRIS W. ROBERTS, Meteorologist.

THE FARMERS' UNION. Broadly speaking, they may be divided into two general groups: The farmer who farms the farmer; and again, the farmer who tills the soil, who uses his brains and the activities of his mind and body to produce the crops that grow out of the ground, and who stands up manfully when some times of anxiety and peril and uses language like this:

Let us stand together as a man; raise every kernel of wheat we can raise, and when the war is over, let us bring in our accounting if we have an account to bring. We quote from an address by W. K. Coseley, of Dickinson county in a conference in this city the other day. Charles J. Brand, of the markets and grading bureau of the agricultural department at Washington. And we quote it because it is the message of the real farmer and not the farmer whose harvest is the spoils of politics. And again referring to the real farmer there convenes in this city today a meeting of the North Dakota Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, an organization founded in Bismarck three years ago, and which through its merits and virtues has spread into twenty-seven states and in its national scope embraces a membership of some five million farmers whose object it is to assist each other in buying and selling, to inculcate scientific methods and to bring farming in a business and commercial sense up to the standards of the more co-ordinated callings.

WORD TO THE WISE. When we read about the drastic proceedings of the governments of Great Britain, Canada, Australia, France and Italy, we must admit that, thus far, we have only been playing at economy and conservation. We have saved some fuel and eaten a little less of sugar and bacon and more of corn meal. But most of us are still practically on a basis of pleasure and business as usual.

It is to be a long war. Russia testifies to this. The statements on nearly all the battlefronts testify to it. Germany has finally got to be licked in Germany. Thus far, our government has, largely, merely asked. It will have to compel and commandeer.

If the above assertions are true, the wise manufacturer, who is geared up to produce only non-essentials, will consider converting his plant to more essential use, and the wise storekeeper will be thinking strongly of stocks.

There may long be business as usual, but when our people confront the necessity now facing foreign peoples it will be a different business.

PRO-GERMAN SOCIALISM AND PATRIOTISM. Those who fear the growth of socialism during the war might take a tip from the American Federation of Labor. For years the socialists in the organized labor movement have been trying to capture the Federation.

At the recent meeting in Buffalo members of the Federation didn't divide into democrats, republicans and socialists, they divided on the lines of loyalty and pro-German socialism. And pro-German socialism didn't have a look in.

The socialist vote will grow during the war. That is to be expected, for the pro-German element of the American socialist party captured the St. Louis convention and inveighed against the war. Under the leadership of Hillquit, Berger and Germer the majority took a stand that helps Kaiserism, and drove from the party such men as Russell, Walling, Spargo, Phelps Stokes, Sinclair and other pro-American socialists. The policy of the majority is to yell for peace while the Kaiser wants it, and before Kaiserism is licked.

Quite naturally the pro-Prussian pacifists, and the disloyal element among so-called German-Americans will vote with the party that lends the most aid and comfort to the enemy, and that will swell the socialist vote. But if the loyal, pro-American vote in other elections during the war has sense enough to vote as Americans rather than as narrow partisans, the Kaiser's sympathizers in this country will be licked to a frazzle.

IF ever there was a time when real Americans should stand together industrially, financially, commercially and politically, that time is now. The people can well afford to lay aside partisanship and stand by every man who stands by the president and the flag.

SOME ARE ALARMED. Floyd Gibbons, a highly capable investigator and writer, now representing the Bismarck Tribune at the front in France, has written, under date of line of Paris, Nov. 20, a letter to Federal Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, which the judge publishes and in which Mr. Gibbons reports that thinking Americans in Europe are now asking, "Are we going to lick Germany?"

Mr. Gibbons says that America hasn't accomplished one-tenth of what she's got to; that the Russian fiasco means that America has got to make much greater effort or surely be beaten, and that "the fact is that the Hun is at the gate, and now it is the American gate, our gate." He concludes by saying that we know we will never win this war by jabbing ourselves with a morphine needle and then raving about what an awful war we are going to land on the boche. In his opinion the view is alarming and ought to be alarming.

The tone of Mr. Gibbons' letter is not more remarkable than that the letter ever got by the censor. The letter is somewhat in corroboration of the suspicion that the real status of war affairs is being concealed from the people and for that reason it sounds almost treasonable. It is the easiest thing in the world to promote such suspicion and, consequently, loss of public confidence, and, if the administration permits general publication of matter of this character, it makes a very serious mistake in not presenting, clearly and definitely, the exact conditions, up to the limit. One such clear exposition of the conditions would be worth more than a whole year of weekly statements of what cabinet members think of the war's progress. The folk are also thinking, and they want to think straight.

East Africa is cleared of Germans. The Kaiser loses a nice little farm of 334,990 square miles.

Ninety-four millions for navy aeroplanes and a billion and thirty-two millions for army aviation! Hear it, Kaiser!

About eight times as many married as unmarried men pay income tax. Oh, keep still, girls! We're not knocking Cupid.

We would like a London cablegram telling how loud old Wm. Waldorf Astor, ex-American, is howling for peace in a Lansdowne.

Scientific American calls Russia a "kaleidoscope." Viewing the way heads and tails change ends, over there, it looks to us like a cat fight.

Head of the Deutsche bank of Berlin says that the Germans are saving three billion dollars annually of what they used to spend for beer and liquors.

The Bolsheviks put some humor into the bloody business. They ask Germany not to send her forces from the Russian front to the fronts of the allies, during armistice. What does Germany reply? You've guessed it.

HANGED AT SUN RISE, FOR THE MURDER OF HOUSTON CITIZENS IN STREET RIOTS OF AUGUST

Condemned Know Nothing of the Hour Until Summoned by Guard to Prepare for the End—Dozen Officers and Sheriff Only Ones in Camp of 40,000 Men Advised of Time and Place—Prisoners Meet Death Stoically and Silently.

SCENE OF EXECUTION IN LONELY MESQUITE THICKET AND OBLITERATED GRAVES NEAR BY

No Ceremony at the Scaffold Beyond Brief Prayer by Chaplain—In Half an Hour After Execution Scaffold Disappears and No Sign is Left on Sage Brush Area to Indicate a Sign of Tragic Event—Other Trials of Blacks to Follow.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 12.—Thirteen negroes, soldiers of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry, were hanged to death simultaneously at dawn yesterday in expiation of their murder of Houston citizens last August when members of that regiment engaged in riotous looting in the city's streets. In the dark of the night army motor trucks conveyed the lumber for the scaffold to the little clearing in a lonely mesquite thicket on the big government reservation where the negroes convicted by court-martial, were to die.

5 O'CLOCK IN MORNING. And there, by the light of bonfires, army engineers erected the death traps to which at 5 o'clock in the morning other motor trucks hurried the condemned negroes and the officers and men of the military guard. It was the army motor truck, the only incident which made this military execution different from previous ones, that enabled the officers in charge to keep secret the time and the place of the hanging.

THE ULTIMATE PENALTY. And it was the army truck that so quickly obliterated all traces of the execution and carried the dead bodies to a place nearby which is as indistinguishable as the execution site, before official announcement had been made of how the order of the court-martial had been carried out, and that the following men had paid the ultimate penalty:

PENALTY IS DEATH. Sergeant WM. C. NESBITT. Corporal LARSON J. BROWN. Corporal JAMES WHEATLEY. Corporal JESSE MOORE. Corporal CHARLES W. BALTIMORE.

Private WM. ERACKENRIDGE. THOMAS C. BARKINS. CARLOS S. BARKINS. JAMES DIVINS. FRANK JOHNSON. RILEY W. YOUNG. PAT MACWHORTER.

BONFIRE ILLUMINATION. The bonfire illumination for the hanging just as the eastern sky was streaking with grey through the morning clouds, the bleak landscape of dull grey and bronze against which the new timbers of the rough scaffold stood out, the khaki clad military turned against the cold, all made an unforgettable picture.

ALL GRAVES OBLITERATED. But now one might tramp for hours over the light covered acres of the military reservation without finding either execution site or burial place, though the hanging occurred not more than a hundred yards from bath houses which have been built near a swimming pool in the Salado creek for men of the national army cantonment at Camp Travis.

TOLD OF FATE SUNDAY. The condemned negroes had known of their fate since Sunday. Twelve of them sought spiritual consolation of army Y. M. C. A. workers. The thirteenth gave no inkling that he knew. Outwardly all of the negroes were calm. They did not know the date of the execution, but last night they were taken from the cavalry guardhouse, where they have been prisoners more than a month, and placed in separate barracks.

EXECUTION IN SECRET. Aside from less than a dozen officers of the southern department and the sheriff of Bexar county, no one in the city or the army camps knew of the execution, date or place. The other negro defendants were ignorant of the fate of their companions until after the formal announcement had been made.

GUARD SUMMONED SILENTLY. The condemned men were aroused this morning a few minutes before regular army reveille 5:30 o'clock. The military guard had been summoned silently and no sound was heard in the camp where nearly forty thousand men were sleeping except the purring of the army truck motors awaiting their loads. The negroes dressed in their regular uniforms as carefully as for inspection.

HYMN A DEATH CHANT. The negroes executed displayed neither bravado nor fear. They rode to the execution singing a hymn, but the singing was as that of soldiers on the march. Arrived at the clearing,

Real Farmers Gather to Consider Real Problems

The Bismarck Tribune takes pleasure in welcoming to North Dakota's capital city one of the state's greatest forces for progress on the farm—the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union—which assembles in Bismarck today for its annual convention. President R. J. J. Montgomery and Secretary D. E. Shipley, in planning the yearly gathering, have found Bismarck anxious to cooperate and willing to assist in every way. The visitors who come pouring in today and tomorrow will find a hearty hospitality in every smiling face and in every friendly handshake. These earnest, sincere men, gathering in annual convalescence to seriously consider the problems which the year have brought and to plan ways of meeting those which the new year may bring are a symbol of the North Dakota of today, and The Tribune is proud on behalf of Bismarck to bid them welcome.

RAIL PROBLEM SUBSTANCE OF NEW MESSAGE

Transportation Question Probably Brings New Address: Before Holidays.

URGED TO APPOINT FEDERAL EXECUTIVE Adamson Declares President Must Take Over Roads for War Period at Least.

Washington, Dec. 12.—His first public utterance on the railroad situation, President Wilson tonight authorized the newspaper correspondents to say he could not answer now the question as to whether he would address congress, but that he had given the matter most careful scrutiny and consideration, and if he determined a change in the present plan of dealing with the transportation systems was necessary the first word on the subject would be addressed to congress.

President Sees War Board. Tomorrow the president will see the members of the railroad war board, who asked for a conference today to submit information. The board, which speaks for the American Railway association, holds that the railroads themselves can work out unification for the war without government control, and without repeal of anti-trust laws or a government loan.

It developed tonight Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and chairman of the government's war industries board, had asked the heads of the four railroad employees brotherhoods to meet him here tomorrow for a conference. Mr. Willard said his purpose was to talk about questions pending before the industries board, but the fact that the brotherhood leaders would be here gave rise to general belief that they would be called into some of the various conferences on the big question of what the government is going to do about the railroads.

Unified Operation. Belief grew that the president finally will take the advice of those who are urging him to appoint a federal administrator to direct unified operation of transportation lines. At the reopening of hearings before the joint congressional committee investigating transportation problems, Representative Adamson chairman of the house interstate commerce commission committee said the president would probably have to take over the roads for the period of the war and hold them after war until congress could provide some proper plan for peace time management.

It became known yesterday that the president will address congress on the transportation problem before the holidays.

BLAZING MUNITION SHIP STEAMS INTO HARBOR OF HALIFAX

Hardy Crew of Portsmouth Fire Fighters Dispose of New Danger Source.

MONT BLANC EXPLOSION LAID TO CARELESSNESS

Halifax, Dec. 12.—With complete disregard for their own lives, in an effort to save this desolated city from another catastrophe, a group of Dartmouth citizens early today boarded a steamship said to have been laden with munitions, which was afire and was being abandoned hastily by her crew.

The vessel carried a deck load of oil and as she came in close to shore with smoke pouring from her superstructure, the sight of her fleeing crew stirred the watchers ashore to prompt action. A volunteer fire fighting force was quickly organized and the burning ship was boarded. After hard work the flames were extinguished.

Two Survivors Talk. According to statements obtained today from survivors of the Norwegian steamer Imo, which collided with the Mont Blanc, the latter ship flew no red flag to indicate that she carried a cargo of explosives. They also declared they were not aware that the Mont Blanc was munitions laden and that when they saw her crew running away they thought it was due to the fire and not fear of an explosion. They asserted the Mont Blanc was coming into the harbor on the wrong side when the collision occurred.

A man who survived the explosion was found among the ruins today. He had been caught between two beams at the North street railway station, and beyond a few bruises was unhurt.

Cleaning the Streets. The city's workers today began the task of clearing the streets of thousands of tons of broken glass. Interminable took place all day at the cemeteries.

The American hospital and relief units were working full blast today, though supplies have been received to relieve distress.

American surgeons are still picking the broken fragments from the faces, eyes and heads of hundreds, many of whom may be marked for life or blind. Surgeons took stock today and found that glass wounds predominated.

TRIBUNE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

ANOTHER WAVE OF MARKET LIQUIDATION

Leading Rails Drop to the Lowest Price of the Year, Industrials Following.

HIGH PRICED SPECIALTIES REGISTER MARKED DECLINE

New York, Dec. 11.—Another wave of liquidation swept over the stock market today, causing losses of three to six points in many issues. Selling was most active in the afternoon, when prices crumbled to the accompaniment of disturbing rumors.

Trading during the early and intermediate periods was light, but altogether at the expense of values. Rails were at first inclined to ignore the prospects of governmental control, but soon led a reversal that gathered greater momentum at the end.

Practically all the leading rails dropped to lowest prices of the year, with prices of the year, and a few made absolutely new minimums. Extreme concessions in this group ranged from three to six points.

Industrial offered some resistance at the outset, but gradually followed the course of the more seasoned issues. United States Steel's extreme recession of 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 represented the general setback in allied industrials and equipments. Shippings also reacted, but metals suffered only moderate losses.

High priced specialties, notably tobaccos, augmented recent severe losses by five to ten points, selling of those stocks proceeding on the theory that existing economic conditions make them especially vulnerable. Sales amounted to 490,000 shares.

Anglo French 3's, French municipal and numerous domestic railway pressed bond market. Liberty 4's were quoted at 97.26 to 97.50 and the 3 1/2's at 98.48 to 98.50. Total sales (par value) aggregated \$5,775,000. United States bonds old issues were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCKS. American Beet Sugar 70 1/2. American Can 32. American Smelting and Refining 29. American Tel. and Tel. 101 1/2. American Zinc 12. Anaconda Copper 55 1/2. Atchafalpa 79 1/2. Baltimore and Ohio 46 1/2. Butte and Superior 16. California Petroleum 11. Canadian Pacific 127 1/2. Central Leather 60 1/2. Chesapeake and Ohio 44 1/2. Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul 36 1/2. Chino Copper 31 1/2. Colorado Fuel and Iron 32 1/2. Cudahy 50. Cuba Cane Sugar 26 1/2. Erie 14 1/2. Great Northern Ore Cts 24 1/2. Great Northern pfd. 87 1/2. Inspiration Copper 41. Int. Mer. Marine pfd. cts. 91 1/2. Kennecott Copper 29 1/2. Louisville and Nashville 107 1/2. Mexican Petroleum 73 1/2. Miami Copper 23 1/2. Missouri Pacific 21 1/2. Montana Power 61. New York Central 64 1/2. Northern Pacific 42 1/2. Pennsylvania 49 1/2. Ray Consolidated Copper 21 1/2. Reading 68 1/2. Republic Iron and Steel 72 1/2. Southern Pacific 79 1/2. Southern Railway 25 1/2. Texas Co. 107 1/2. Union Pacific 107 1/2. U. S. Industrial Alcohol 106 1/2. United States Steel 85 1/2. Utah Copper 77.

RAILROADS CRIPPLED; CORN OFFERING SMALL

No Increase in Arrivals Expected Until Weather Permits Larger Movement.

OATS FOLLOWS CORN IN UPWARD IMPULSE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 11.—Assertions that but little actual relief from car scarcity had yet been witnessed gave bulls an advantage today in the corn market. Prices closed firm, 1/2 to 1/4 cent net higher, with \$1.21 1/4 and May \$1.19 1/4 to \$1.19 1/2. Oats gained 1/4 to 1/2 to \$1.15. Provisions finished unchanged to 2/16 lower.

Offerings of corn proved exceedingly small, as the railroads were apparently crippled by the prevailing cold weather. Moreover, opinion seemed general that no increase of arrivals would take place until better weather conditions afforded material help to railroad efficiency, under such circumstances the market hardened from the outset, and bullish sentiment was further emphasized by recent antidictions that the final government estimates of the crop would show a falling off as compared with the last previous official report.

Oats, like corn, received an upward impulse from the unfavorable weather and from the curtailment of receipts. The reduction of the government crop estimate was not expected but the announcement of the new total came too late to be a market factor.

Provisions advanced with grain, but later underwent a sag on account of realizing by holders. The selling was associated with predictions of some increase in the hog movement.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Option Open High Low Close. Corn—Jan. 1.20 1/2 1.21 1/2 1.20 1/2 1.21 1/2. May 1.18 1/2 1.19 1/2 1.18 1/2 1.19 1/2. Oats—Dec. 72 1/2 74 1/4 72 1/2 73 1/4. May 70 1/2 71 1/4 70 1/2 71 1/4.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 11.—Flour, unchanged. Shipments 42,670 barrels. Barley \$1.18 to \$1.52. Rye \$1.80 to \$1.84. Bran \$3.50 to \$4.00. Wheat receipts today were 325 cars compared with 409 a year ago.

Corn, No. 3, yellow—\$1.70 to \$1.73. Oats, No. 3, white—72 1/2 to 73 1/2. Flax, \$3.26 to \$3.37.

ST. PAUL

Hogs—Receipts 12,000; steady; range, \$15.75 to \$17.15; bulk, \$16.85 to \$17.00. Cattle—Receipts, 4,000; killers slow and lower; steers, \$5.50 to \$5.55; cows and heifers \$5.75 to \$14.00; stockers and feeders, weak and dull \$5.00 to \$10.00; Sheep—Receipts 500; steady; lambs \$8.00 to \$10.00; wethers, \$7.00 to \$10.00; ewes \$5.00 to \$10.75.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 11.—Receipts, 32,000; bulk, \$17.20 to \$17.60; light, \$18.80 to \$17.55; mixed, \$17.00 to \$17.85; heavy, \$16.95 to \$17.85; rough, \$16.95 to \$17.35; pigs, \$13.00 to \$15.75. Cattle—Receipts, 23,000; weak; native steers, \$7.35 to \$15.00; western steers, \$6.25 to \$13.50; stockers and feeders, \$5.10 to \$10.90; calves, \$5.00 to \$15.50. Sheep—Receipts, 17,000; steady; wethers, \$8.00 to \$12.90; ewes, \$7.75 to \$11.50; lambs, \$12.25 to \$16.35.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK

Omaha, Nebr., Dec. 11.—Hogs—Receipts, 8,900; steady; heavy, \$17.10 to \$17.45; mixed \$17.25 to \$17.35; light, \$17.15 to \$17.45; pigs, \$10.00 to \$18.00; bulk, \$17.25 to \$17.35. Cattle—Receipts, 8,700; steady; native steers, \$9.00 to \$15.00; cows and heifers, \$6.50 to \$10.00; western steers, \$8.00 to \$12.50; cows and heifers, \$6.00 to \$9.00; canners, 5.25 to 6.00; stockers and feeders, \$6.00 to \$11.00; calves, \$5.50 to \$12.50; bulls, stags, etc., \$3.75 to \$8.50. Sheep—Receipts, 5,200; steady; yearlings, \$11.50 to \$13.25; wethers, \$11.00 to \$12.50; ewes, \$9.50 to \$11.50; lambs, \$14.50 to \$16.50.

LEAGUE IS "OFF" GRONNA; PACIFIST BUMPING BUMPS

Tenor of Editorials Appearing in Townley Organs Would Indicate "Nix Cum Arous."

Something apparently has come between the Nonpartisan league and Senator Asle J. Gronna, of Lakota. Not long ago a very cordial entente seemed to exist between North Dakota's most prominent pacifist and the league. If comments of league country newspapers are any criterion, Gronna has gone and done something that didn't suit someone, and he's no longer in the good graces of the Townleyites.

Dave Larin, editor of the Parshall Leader, has been decidedly pro-league. Occasionally he comes out and takes a two-sided wallop at some league action that doesn't appeal to him, but by and large he has been a very satisfactory supporter of Townleyism. He pays his respects to Gronna in the following:

"These are sad days for 'Me Too' Senator Gronna. State Superintendent Macdonald refused to appear on the same platform with him in his home town of Lakota, with the result that Gronna was dropped. Think of it—flipped from a senator—home town was to appear, because a state official disdains his presence! Our state superintendent properly resented any taint to his loyalty,—that is all wool and a yard wide."

And the Nelson County Observer, which has been giving space to league editorials and cartoons of the canned variety, says:

"Is there a Bolshevik in America? From rumors in Lakota social circles it is gathered that LaFollette is to be president and Gronna secretary of

Coahulia In State Of Revolt

Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 12.—The Mexican state of Coahulia apparently is in a state of revolution with Luis Gutierrez leading the revolt. Monclovia, 159 miles south of the border and Matamoros, 70 miles south of Piedras Negras, opposite Eagle Pass, were captured from the federalists today. The revolutionists tonight are reported marching on Piedras Negras. The cause of the revolt is that in the recent elections Luis Gutierrez was elected governor of Coahulia, but was not permitted to take his seat. It is alleged, by Carranza authorities, Gutierrez, it is said, had no trouble in winning the people over to his cause.

We are showing the largest and most beautiful line of neckties and silk mufflers shown west of the Twin Cities. S. E. Bergeson & Son. 12 11 13 14

SOCIETY

MILITARY WEDDING IN
MINOT OF INTEREST HERE

An interesting account of the wedding of Miss Roxie Laversa Foss of this city to Lieutenant J. Earl McFadden of Cavalier which took place Sunday in the home of Judge and Mrs. H. B. Goss of Minot, appears in the Minot Daily News. It follows:

A wedding of interest to military circles throughout the state took place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Judge and Mrs. H. B. Goss of Eastwood Park, when Miss Roxie Laversa Foss became the bride of Lieutenant J. Earl McFadden, Rev. Erickson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiated and the ceremony had all the simple dignity of a military wedding.

Just before the ceremony, Mrs. J. R. Pence sang, "When Song is Sweet" (San Souci) and "I Love You Truly" (Lond), then Miss Mable Wright played Lohengrin's wedding march. A Lieutenant McFadden and his bride entered the room, and took their place under an arch, decorated with a large American flag. They were unattended.

"The bride was gowned in a taupe messaline costume of Quaker design and wore a huge corsage bouque of roses and sweet peas."

"After the sweet refreshments were served from a number of small tables arranged in the dining room. The rooms were transformed into a perfect bower of roses, lilies and carnations, intermingled with small American flags."

"The bride frequently visited friends here, she being a sister of Miss Anabelle Foss who was a graduate from the local high school. She attended school at Balfour and Velva, and after finishing entered one of the hospitals at Bismarck where she trained for a nurse. When the call for Red Cross nurses was made she was among the first to offer her services in France and is a member of the Bismarck surgical section of which Major J. P. Qualin is head. She is the daughter of Mrs. L. S. Baker of Rushford, N. D."

"Lieutenant McFadden is a graduate of the college of liberal arts and law school of the University of North Dakota and has been practicing law at Cavalier. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Theta academic fraternity and also the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity."

"Lieutenant McFadden and his bride left yesterday afternoon for Neces, where they will spend a day visiting Lieutenant McFadden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McFadden."

"Lieutenant McFadden entered the second officers training camp at Fort Snelling and received the commission of First Lieutenant in the reserve corps. He has been ordered to report at camp Dodge."

"The guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Hanson and son, Mrs. Anna Hanson, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Pence and daughter Marion, Mr. and Mrs. Helmut De La and daughters Helen and Lenore of Velva, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Pence, Mr. and Mrs. Otto De La and daughter Margaret, Miss Marion Goss, Miss Mable Wright, Tudor Owen and Lieutenant Melvin B. Johnson."

Guild Meeting.
St. George's guild of St. George's Episcopal church will meet Thursday afternoon in the parish house.

Church Society Meets.
The Ladies Aid society of the Swedish Lutheran church will meet Thursday afternoon in the church parlors with Mrs. D. Sundquist as hostess.

Special Services Tonight.
Special services will be conducted tonight in the Evangelical church by Bishop G. Heimiller, D. D. of Cleveland, O. The services will be conducted in English and all members of the church and congregation are asked to hear Bishop Heimiller.

Goes South.
Lieut. Addison Falconer, who has been spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Falconer of Avenue E, left last night for Camp Crockett, Calveston, Texas. Lieut. and Mrs. Robin A. Day, a bride and groom of Sunday, December 2, and the latter a sister of Lieut. Falconer have arrived at San Antonio, Texas, where Lieut. Day has been ordered to report at Camp Travis.

Library Club Meets.
The "L. S." a recently formed organization of the graduate librarians of the Capital City, met Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Charles Hageman of Third street. Library matters, current events and recipes for food conservation were discussed. Miss Helen Frances Carleton, head of the traveling library department of the state educational library, contributed a piano number and the hostess served a war luncheon, prepared from late war recipes.

Mothers' Club Meets.
The Mothers' Social club held a social meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. D. T. Owens in Fifth street and listened to a musical program presented by Dorothy Parsons, Alta Jones, pianists and Mrs. Ellis Putnam, soprano. The roll call was responded to by Christmas ideas and an enjoyable social hour followed the program. The club will discontinue its meetings until after the first of the new year.

Consecrational Meetings.
The annual consecrational meeting of the Presbyterian church will be held this evening in the church auditorium when the election of trustees and elders will take place. An informal reception will also be held for the new members received in December and a program will be given by Miss Loretta Steele, Miss Caspary, John Hughes, Paul Graham and Mrs. M. P. Moore. A short business session will precede the program.

Nurses Given Farewell.
A large number of friends of Miss Carrie Goodman and Miss Emma Koenig gathered at the Soo depot this morning to bid them farewell before their departure for the Great Lakes naval training station, where they have been assigned for government duty. The Bismarck Hospital Nurses' Alumnae presented Miss Goodman and

Miss Koenig with handsome leather traveling cases at an informal entertainment given for them last week.

Elects Officers for Year.
At a meeting of the Royal Neighbors Tuesday evening in the Knights of Pythias hall officers for the year were elected as follows: Oracle Mrs. Flora Schultz, vice oracle Mrs. Mabel Penwarden, past oracle Mrs. Gertrude Thompson, chancellor, Mrs. Katherine Bork, recorder Mrs. Esther M. Kostitzky, treasurer Mrs. Jessie M. Van Hook, marshal Mrs. Almada La Lene, inner sentinel, Mrs. Carrie M. Carufel, outer sentinel Mrs. Kate McDonald, special auditor, Mrs. Jennie Parsons, and manager elected to a term of three years, Karl Kositzky.

Former Tribune Man Weds.
Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Frances Dixon daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dixon of Aberdeen, S. D., to Harold M. Jorgensen, editor of the New Rockford State Center and formerly connected with the circulation department of The Tribune. Their marriage was an event of Saturday, December 8, at Moorhead, Minn., Dr. G. F. Hall of the Moorhead Presbyterian church officiated. They were attended by Miss Inez Dixon of Aberdeen, sister of the bride, and Robert A. George of Minn., cousin of the groom. Mrs. George has been attending the school of journalism at the Wisconsin state university, Madison and will be connected with the reportorial and editorial staffs of the State Center.

Program for Entertainment.
Miss Luth Arnold announces the program for the entertainment Saturday evening in the Auditorium when she presents her class in aesthetic dancing in interpretative dances. Assistants in the program are Mrs. J. A. Graham, R. F. Marquis, Henry Halverson, Donald McDonald and Mrs. H. F. Zimmerman. The program follows:

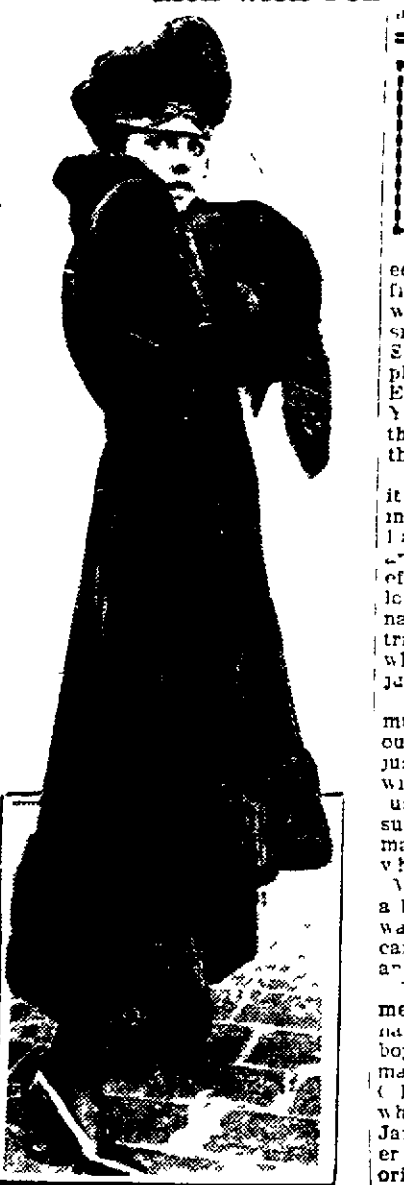
Classes A and B:
Mazurka—
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Ballet Dance—
Helen Steele
Sailors Hornpipe—
Kathleen Marquis
Song Group—
Mr. Marquis
The Awakening—
Classes A and B
Pipes of Pan—
Ruth Rawlings, Muriel Robinson
Call of Spring—
Ruth Ramstad, Gene Steele, Abigail Roan, Ardill Gussner
Summer—
Class A
Scarf Dance—
Anita Marguis, Jessie Hamilton
Spooky Dance—
Helen Steele
Colonial Dance—
Kathleen Marquis, Alta Jones
Jap Love Song—
Mrs. Graham
Violin Solo—
Mr. McDonald
Boy Blue's Dream—
Kathleen Marquis, Alta Jones
Duet—
Mrs. Graham, Mr. Halverson
Oriental Scene—Maidens and attendants in prayer movements
Valse Oriental—
Miss Arnold
Finale—Military Sword Drill—
Loys and Ensemble

SMALL AFTERNOON BLAZE
Department Called to 924 Seventh Street by Sparkler.

The fire department was called to 924 7th street early this afternoon to extinguish a small blaze resulting from working fires overtime in an effort to keep warm. The damage was slight, and the fire was easily controlled.

NEW SKATES AT RINK.
Another consignment of ladies' skates has been received at the Rink Skating Rink. Roller skating Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights. 12 12 12

RUSSIAN GOWN IS RICH WITH FUR



Is Truth Funny? Max Figman Makes It Seem So in Speedy Comedy



Just how comical the pure, plain, unadorned truth may be on occasion is shown by Max Figman in "Nothing But the Truth" offering extraordinary at the Auditorium for Thursday evening. Max Figman, himself seen here often in the movies, and a brother of Oscar Figman, who starred in Princess Pat last spring, played to big business a solid year in "Nothing But the Truth" at the Longacre theater, New York. Nothing but the truth was a novelty in New York. It went on for indications are that Bismarck will receive this truthful comedy with the same glad acclaim.

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FOR SALE—Duroc pigs of the T. N. Johnson stock. Inquire C. M. Snyder, Menoken, N. D. 11-28-17

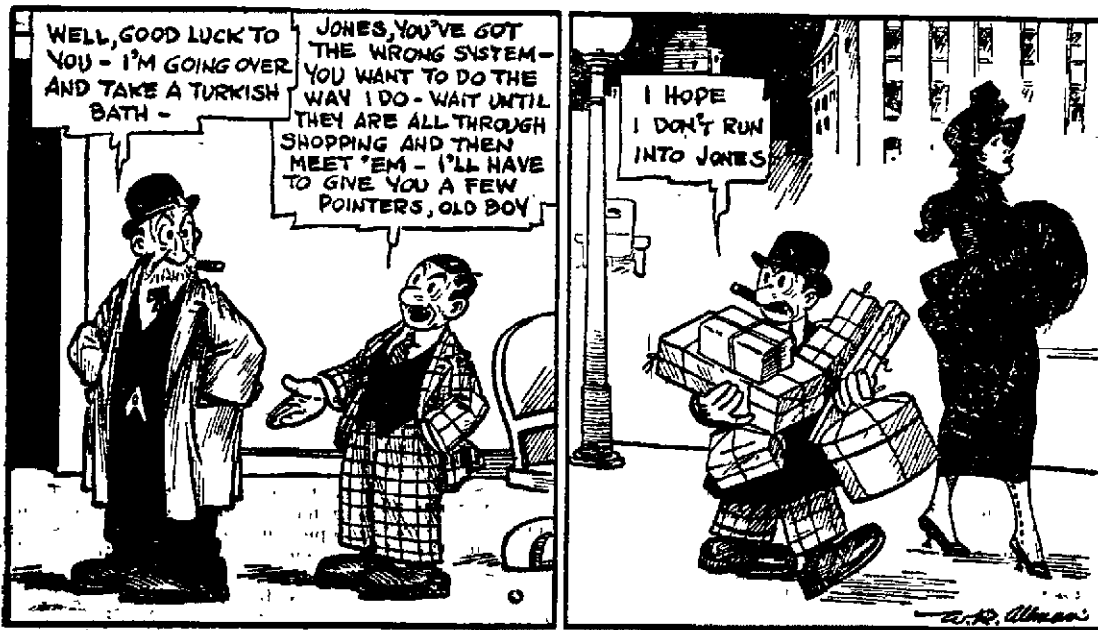
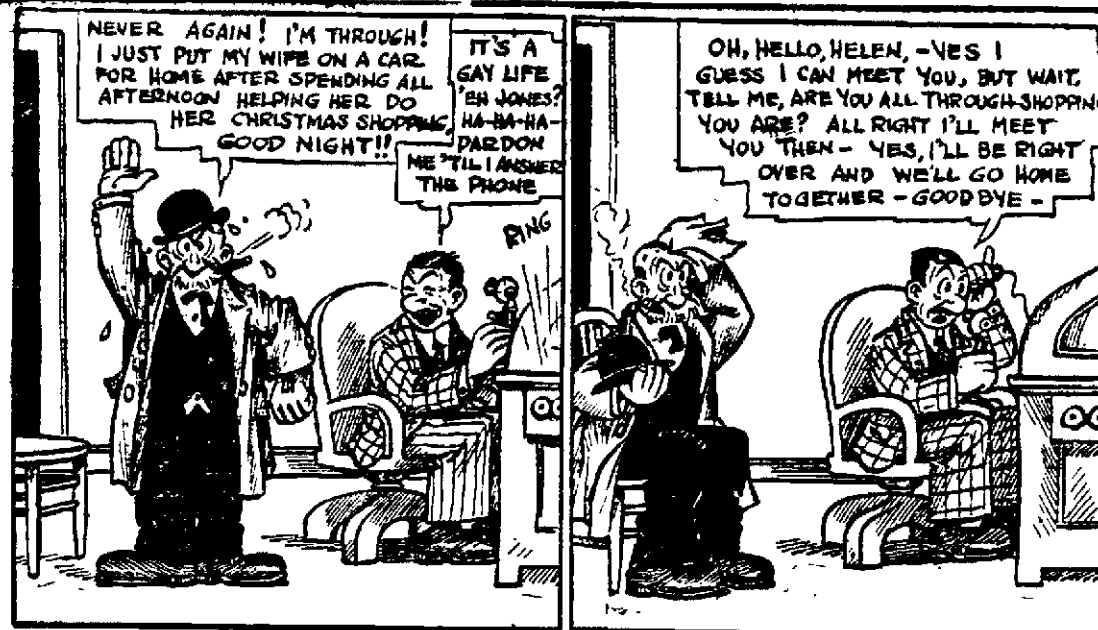
WANTED—To buy several hundred bushels of feed corn. Phone or write North Dakota State Penitentiary, Bismarck, N. D., giving price. 11-3-17

FOR SALE—Only theatre in North Dakota town of 1,000 population. Reason for selling—must go to warmer climate. R. F. Jarvis, Glenwood, N. Dak. 10-18-17

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS.

THERE IS NO RIGHT SYSTEM

By Allman



M'CLEAN COUNTY MAKES FINE EDUCATIONAL STRIDES

Washburn, N. D., Dec. 12.—The educational strides made in McLean county, coincident with its general development, are revealed in some statistics compiled by County Superintendent M. E. McCurdy. With the number of improvements which have been carried out this year, Mr. McCurdy declares that this county stands in the forefront, with respect to educational facilities, for towns of their size in any county in North Dakota and even in surrounding states.

A notable feature of this advancement is the growth of the consolidated schools in the county. There are now six town consolidated schools and four open consolidated schools, while only five years ago there were only two consolidated schools in the county.

Also, now there are three classified high schools—Washburn, Underwood and Garrison—while five years ago there was only one high school, at Washburn, and it was not classified. Typical of the consolidated school advancement in this county was the erection the past summer of a \$12,000 building in the Blue Hill district, south of Ryder. In this school, right in the heart of a farming community, there is a combined gymnasium and theater, where not only the farm boys and girls may play basketball, but the farmers' club hold its meetings.

This brick building, with its three teachers and 70 pupils enrolled this fall, is the community center of a township.

Twelve miles west of the Blue Hill school, in Wright township, there was

also built the past summer another consolidated school, at a cost of \$5,000. This school will be ready for occupancy in about two weeks. To the Max consolidated school there was put this year a \$7,000 addition, while an annex was built to the Turtle Lake consolidated school. There were also six new one-room schools erected this year. A year ago five, modern, brick school buildings were put up at Garrison, Cole Harbor and Mercer.

The schools opened this fall with a total of 223 teachers, compared with 213 a year ago. Five years ago, there were 168 teachers in the county. In the face of the general lack of men teachers, it is interesting to note that McLean county is fortunate in that respect. This year there are 26 male teachers, including 11 employed as principals. Most of those men at the country schools come from Indiana, graduates of high schools, eager to derive the manifold benefits accruing to a new and prosperous country.

Some of these ambitious and hardy young men "batch" it in shacks near the schools. Evidently the life agrees with the young Hoosiers, for their numbers increase every year.

The total enumeration of pupils in the county this fall is 5,243, compared with 4,692 a year ago. Five years ago this enumeration aggregated 3,574.

The number of school buildings or plants this year is 169, against 143 five years ago. There are now 159 rural schools, compared with 136 five years ago. That the quality of instruction under the jurisdiction of County Superintendent McCurdy is improving, as well as the quantity, is shown by the fact that 25 of the rural schools are expected to be standardized this school year.

Found Answer in His Sleep.

Mathematical students will be interested in the experience of the Marquess de Cordorac, who published a volume on the integral calculus at the age of twenty-two. A problem had been submitted to him which, try as he might, he could not solve. To use a colloquialism, he "went to sleep on it," and successfully obtained the answer, which he remembered on waking.

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AGGIE TO TRAIN VOCATIONALISTS

Fargo Institution Selected at Special Meeting of State Board of Education

The state agricultural college has been selected as the North Dakota institution for the training of vocational teachers, announced State Superintendent of Public Instruction N. C. Macdonald.

This action was taken at a special meeting of the state board of education held Tuesday. Dr. E. F. Ladd, president of the agricultural college, is chairman of the state committee on vocational training, whose members are Edward Erickson of Bismarck, state inspector of rural and consolidated schools; E. R. Edwards, state high school inspector; Dr. F. W. Smith, president of the Northern school of forestry; and Superintendent Macdonald.

Under the Smith-Hughes federal act \$17,200 will be available for vocational training in North Dakota this year, and this amount will be increased each year until a maximum of \$50,000 is reached in 1923. The state is now spending more money on vocational training than is required in order that it may benefit under the Smith-Hughes act.

DULLAM CHAIRMAN FOR BURLEIGH ON STAMP SALE DRIVE

Well Known Bismarck Man will Push Campaign—Heads Named for Other Counties

G. F. Dullam today was advised by State Director George H. Hollister of his appointment as chairman for Burleigh county for the thrift stamp drive which is to be made soon for the sale of the 2-cent savings-stickers which are to be exchanged in amounts of \$4 for the interest-bearing savings stamps, maturing in five years at \$3. Mr. Dullam will name his assistants at once and a thorough campaign will go on for the sale of thrift stamps in Burleigh county. The stickers have been on sale at the postoffice, banks and various other places for several days past, but no effort has been made to push them.

Other Chairmen Named.

Chairmen for 23 counties were announced by Director Hollister yesterday as follows:

C. T. Peterson, Hettinger, Adams county; H. C. Young, Bowman, Bowman county; Gerald P. Nye, Fryburg, Billings county; G. F. Dullam, Bismarck, Burleigh county; R. H. Farmer, Flaxton, Burke county; W. C. Caldwell, Monango, Dickey county; R. L. Rousseau, Crosby, Divide county; C. E. Peterson, Killdeer, Dunn county; J. F. Swenson, New Rockford, Eddy county; Vard Worstell, Carrington, Foster county; M. C. Bacheller, Grand Forks, Grand Forks county; T. E. Sweger, Cooperstown, Griggs county; Leonard J. Alguire, Beach, Golden Valley county; V. H. Crane, Mott, Hettinger county; Dr. J. A. Prescott, Steele, Kidder county; C. M. Holbert, LaMoure, LaMoure county; L. G. Scheeler, Napoleon, Logan county; A. C. Berg, Towne, McHenry county; A. T. Tymeson, Jr., Garrison, McLean county; A. J. Ross, Stanley, Mountrail county; S. L. Nichols, Mandan, Morton county; E. H. Smart, Lakota, Nelson county; James McEwen, Cavalier, Pembina county; L. J. Bleeker, Lisbon, Ransom county; Frank H. Hyland, Devils Lake, Ramsey county; George Van Arman, Wahpeton, Richland county; Charles Ellingson, Sharon, Steele county; R. R. Wolfert, Jamestown, Stutsman county; R. C. Glarum, McClusky, Sheridan county; F. D. Casey, Dickinson, Stark county; Thos. S. Farr, Hillsboro, Trail county; H. C. Depuy, Grafton, Walsh county; R. H. Eosard, Minot, Ward county.

See "The Judgment House" at the Bismarck Theatre tonight.

RAIL BOARD NOT IN FAVOR OF N. P. TIME SAVER IDEA

Commissioner Advises General Freight Agent Free Time and Average Agreement Stand

Secretary Calderhead of the railway commission today advised Henry Blakeley, general freight agent for the Northern Pacific, that the commission cannot consent to a reduction of the "free time" on coal cars from 48 hours to 24, nor to the elimination of the average agreement, which allows elevators handling coal another 48 hours in which to load out the cars. The free time arrangement means that no demurrage shall be charged on a car loaded with coal until the dealer has had 48 hours in which to unload. Under the average agreement an elevator may retain a car four days without paying demurrage, and if it chooses to consume 3 1/2 days in unloading and can load the car out in the remaining half-day the agreement will have been abided by.

MANDAN MAY HAVE THREE-DAYS MEET OF STATE BANKERS

Executive Committee Selects July 10 and 11 as Possible Dates; Third Probable

Mandan, N. D., Dec. 12.—Mandan may be the first city in the state to enjoy a three days' session of the North Dakota Bankers' association. The executive committee met Tuesday in Fargo, determined upon July 10 and 11 as possible dates for the next convention to be held here, and agreed that a third day should be added if a majority deem it advisable, which is regarded probable.

The slope members of the executive committee who attended the session in Fargo on Tuesday was Alfred White of Dickinson.

FEDERAL COAL ORDER IGNORED

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Governor Cox went over the heads of federal fuel administration officials today and has taken the Ohio coal shortage problem in his own hands. The first move today was to order solid trainloads of coal assembled and sent immediately to points in the state, most seriously in need of fuel. The order is directly contrary to instructions of F. C. Baird, federal fuel administrator in charge of the Lakes coal pool, Cleveland, refused by long distance telephone today to sanction such action.

BRITISH TONNAGE KEEPS STEP WITH DESTRUCTION

London, Dec. 12.—British tonnage completed in the month of November was within measurable distance of the tonnage losses in that period by enemy attacks. It was announced in the House of Commons today by Sir Leo Money, parliamentary private secretary to the ministry of munitions.

OLD LANDMARK GOES

Beach Opera House Destroyed by Spectacular Fire

Beach, N. D., Dec. 12.—An old landmark was destroyed when the Beach opera house fell prey to an early morning fire which consumed building and furnishings complete. Insurance to the extent of \$4,000 was carried on the structure. The blaze was a spectacular one, endangering a large portion of the city.

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German Boy Refuses to Serve Because He Has Brother With Sammies

Beach, N. D., Dec. 12.—A 16-year-old brother of Sheriff S. A. Smith, writing from his home in Germany, near the Danish line, advises that he has declined to fight in the German army, advising the draft board when called that he had a brother fighting for Uncle Sam and that he didn't wish to take a chance of shooting him or of being shot by him. While the officers were debating as to what to do with the rebellious youngster, he skipped over the line to Copenhagen, where another brother, wounded in the battle of Verdun, now is practicing law. Speaking of food conditions, the boy writes that a family fortunate enough to have a cow is allowed but a quart of milk daily from the animal, the remainder going to the army. The same is true of a farmer who kills a hog. He may retain only ten pounds for his own use, the remainder of the pork being commandeered for the army. School children may have one slice of bread, without

butter, for luncheon and no more. Leather shoes are taken from their possessors and given to the soldiers.

TRIED TO BUST GOAT; BILLY WAS AN ELK AND KID IS IN FOR REPAIRS

Burnstad, N. D., Dec. 12.—Inspired by the wild west stunts daily performed by his elders in the pursuit of their duties, Herbert Hirsch, nine-year-old son of George Hirsch, while a guest of the Burnstad children on the Yo ranch, attempted to prove his prowess by "busting" a billy-goat. The goat lived up to the best traditions of its craft, and young Hirsch was taken to Ashley for reinforcements to his collar-bone.

Don't delay that Xmas suit or overcoat order. Place it today with Klein—tailor and cleaner. Dec. 11 St

BISMARCK CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS ELECTS EXECUTIVE

A. G. Jacobson Heads Local Lodge for Ensuing Year—To be Installed Soon

Bismarck chapter, No. 10, Royal Arch Masons, held its annual election of officers Tuesday evening, naming for the ensuing year the following executives: Exalted high priest, A. G. Jacobson; king, R. R. Muntz; scribe, George Bernges; treasurer, G. F. Dullam; secretary, L. K. Thompson. The officers will be installed at a special meeting to be held soon, when the appointive officers, to be named by the high priest, also will be inducted into office.

SULTAN ILL.

Geneva, Dec. 12.—Dispatches received here by way of Vienna report that the Sultan of Turkey is seriously ill.

JOHNSON'S SPECIAL COAT SALE

One big lot of this season's newest Coats go on sale for the balance of this week.

ONE-HALF PRICE

See "The Judgment House" at the Bismarck Theatre tonight. Ladies and gents pressing and cleaning. Bryant Tailoring Co. Phone 733.

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY

That will appeal to every one who has any civic pride in the growth and welfare of a greater Bismarck.

During the past four years Bismarck has taken enormous strides in growth and development of business, which is the culmination of the untiring efforts of big business men who have watched and waited for the fruits of their work. Bismarck has been built to care for the ever increasing demand for the high class merchandise which is on a par both in quality and low prices with that offered in the metropolitan cities of the East. There is nothing in Bismarck but what does not come up to the high class standard of larger cities. There is not one in Bismarck, who lives in Bismarck now or who has in the past called this city his home but what does not have fond recollections of that friendliness which seems ever dominant at the present time. Long may that feeling live in this, the atmosphere which is wont to mingle between those who are living and hoping and working with all their ability and might both financially and physically to make Bismarck the one and only big city of North Dakota.

A prominent New York business man who visited Bismarck a few days ago predicted a wonderful future and commercial development, with a population, which in few years is destined to become twice that of the present time. Now let us all work to that end and there is no doubt that if every one who resides in Bismarck and the adjacent territory will work with this end in view and be the proud booster, that one can conscientiously say in five years from today—yes in ten years from today, or in fifteen years from today "I have helped to build this city."

Bismarck has every advantage of growing to be the foremost and largest city in North Dakota. It is the capital of this great state and there is plenty of punch and pep in the Bismarck business men. The citizens are all up and doing, fine residences are being built, streets are being paved, the residence district in summertime is beautiful to gaze upon with its broad boulevards and green trees; it has an enormous territory to draw from in a commercial way, and considering all the advantages there is nothing to deter the growth of Bismarck.

H. J. CHADWICK, Manager.
Bond Sales Dept.

Now comes one of the stepping stones in helping to make Bismarck a greater city. Everyone knows that with the growth of any city that the public utilities have proved a dominant part in the building of any community. The Bismarck Gas Company are going to make big improvements, and in a few months will commence the big spring drive in laying gas mains so that the streets may be paved and so that home owners may have the privilege of public utility service, with gas piped to their residence, and enjoy the service and have the advantage of a modern gas stove in their kitchen, with an instantaneous hot water heater in their basement, with hot water at any hour of the day or night; a gas plate in the basement for laundry purposes and for lighting of their homes or business places if they wish. There are thousands of uses for gas which will be told to the public later, but now comes the time when these improvements must be made to prepare for the growth of our city.

It will require about \$75,000 to make these improvements and the gas company has devised a way whereby the citizens can derive a financial benefit for their effort and at the same time be a stockholder in the company. Bonds to the amount of \$100,000 divided into denominations of \$250 per bond, will be offered to the citizens of Bismarck at a rate of 6% interest; the accumulative value or accrued interest derived from these bonds, if figured on the investment will pay the holder of a \$250 bond in return \$300. This interest can be combined quarterly, whereby the investment will be of greater value to the holder. All particulars can be had by inquiring at the offices of the Gas Company, or by postcard addressed to H. J. Chadwick, Bismarck Gas Co.

The issuing of these bonds has the hearty approval of the Bismarck Commercial Club and has been passed by the state of North Dakota. Every citizen is urgently appealed to for their support in this movement, which will not only be a great investment but will mean for the building and growth and welfare of a greater future city of Bismarck. "LET'S GO."

FRANK E. PLOYHAR, President
The Bismarck Gas Co.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Arrangements have been made to show the wonderful William Fox production

THE SPY 7 Smashing Acts

George Bronson-Howard's Exposure of the Kaiser's Agents in America

Feturing DUSTIN FARNUM

Orpheum Theatre

LAST TIME TONIGHT

7:15 and 9:00